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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during November 2015 totaled 700,000 pounds. This was down 2 percent from November 2014. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 870,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from November 2014. Cattle slaughter totaled 900 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 940 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 246,000 pounds live weight, up 25 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 294 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.03 billion pounds in November, up 7 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in November 2014.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.29 million head, up 2 percent from November 2014. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,393 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.1 million pounds, 9 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 38,800 head, up 8 percent from November 2014. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from last year, at 310 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.08 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.76 million head, up 11 percent from November 2014. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.8 million pounds, was up 3 percent from November 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,100 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2015 commercial red meat production was 44.1 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was up 8 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

November 2014 contained 20 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. November 2015 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2015, was 5,000 head, up 25 percent from December 1, 2014. Of the 5,000 head, 1,500 were for breeding, up 500 head from 2014. The breakdown of the remaining 3,500 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 1,000 head were under 50 pounds; 1,000 head were from 50-119 pounds; 500 head were from 120-179 pounds; and 1,000 head were 180 pounds and over.

Annual pig crop totaled 6,200 head, 24 percent above the 2014 pig crop of 5,000 head. Sows farrowing from December 2014 through November 2015 totaled 800 head, up 33 percent from the previous year total of 600 head. Pigs per litter averaged 7.75 pigs, down 7 percent from the 2014 average of 8.33 pigs per litter.

United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2015 was 68.3 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2014, and up slightly from September 1, 2015. This is the highest inventory of all hogs and pigs since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

Breeding inventory, at 6.00 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 62.3 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from last quarter. This is the highest market hog inventory since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

The September-November 2015 pig crop, at 30.3 million head, was down 1 percent from 2014. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, down 4 percent from 2014. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.53 for the September-November period, compared to 10.23 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.20 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the December-February 2016 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2015, but up 3 percent from 2014. Intended farrowings for March-May 2016, at 2.85 million sows, are down slightly from 2015, but up 1 percent from 2014.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

Revisions - All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2014 through September 2015 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The net revision made to the June 2015 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. A revision of 0.1 percent was made to the March-May 2015 pig crop. A revision of 0.3 percent was made to the September 2015 all hogs and pigs inventory.

CENSUS OF HORTICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS FOR WV

Charleston, West Virginia - The 2014 Census of Horticulture counted 131 operations in West Virginia, this is an increase of 18 operations from the 2009

Census of Horticulture. Total sales were \$21.0 million, a 6 percent decrease from the total of \$22.3 million in 2009. The majority of operations had sales from \$10,000 to \$19,999; 34 operations had sales from \$50,000 to \$99,999; and 18 operations had sales over \$100,000.

In West Virginia, 59 operations had a total sales value of \$6.6 million for annual bedding/garden plants sold; 57 operations had a total sales value of \$5.8 million for flowering and foliar annuals; and 42 operations had a total sales value of \$1.0 million for cut Christmas trees. There were 120 operations with direct consumer sales totaling \$7.8 million.

Horticultural production expenses totaled \$17.5 million in West Virginia in 2014. The single largest expense was for hired labor totaling \$6.5 million which includes salaries paid to hired workers as well as benefits. In the State, 77 horticultural operations employed a total of 787 hired workers in 2014.

Access the complete results of the 2014 Census of Horticultural Specialties online at:

<http://www.agcensus.usda.gov>.

WV Horticulture Value of Sales Selected Categories - 2009 and 2014		
Category	Value of Sales ^{1/}	
	2009	2014
Dollars		
All Horticultural Crops	22,297,000	21,021,000
Annual Bedding/ Garden Plants	8,468,000	6,631,000
Vegetable-Type Bedding Plants	1,055,000	860,000
Annual Bedding/ Garden Plants Sold as Hanging Baskets	873,000	743,000
Potted Herbaceous Perennial Plants	923,000	804,000
Potted Flowering Plants for Indoor/Patio Use	940,000	816,000
Cut Flowers	30,000	54,000
Food Crops Grown Under Protection	2,108,000	2,455,000
Cut Christmas Trees	531,000	1,001,000
Nursery Stock	(D)	2,072,000
Broadleaf Evergreens	445,000	712,000
Coniferous Evergreens	389,000	462,000

^{1/} Represents Total Value of Sales for each category. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

FARM CASH RECEIPTS

Charleston, West Virginia - The 2014 cash receipts from farm marketings for all agricultural commodities in West Virginia totaled 832,767,000 dollars, an increase of almost 73.1 million dollars from 2013. Receipts from marketing livestock and livestock products accounted for 82.0 percent of the State total. Cash receipts from crops accounted for 18.0 percent of the 2014 total.

The largest contributor to the agricultural marketings in the State continues to be poultry and eggs. Cash receipts from the poultry industry, which includes broil-

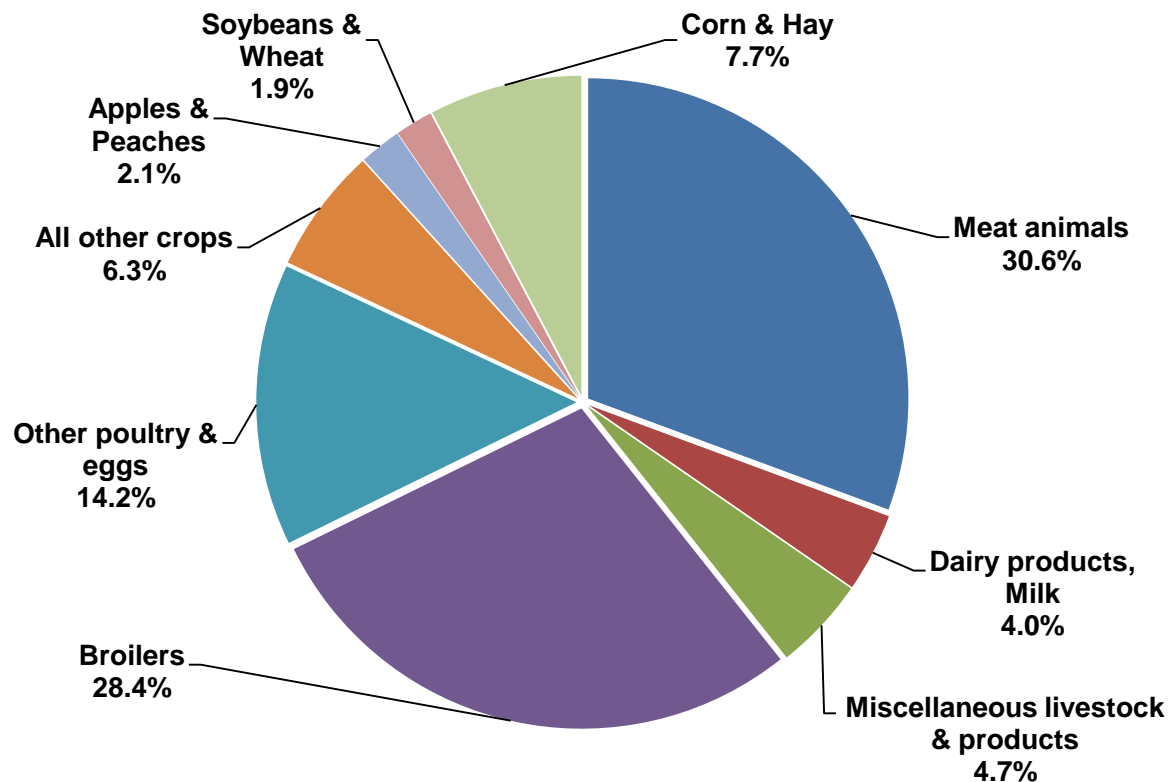
ers, eggs and turkeys, accounted for 42.6 percent of the State total. The second leading contributor was cattle and calves which accounted for 30.5 percent of the total in 2014.

Nationally, West Virginia ranked 24th for cash receipts from poultry and eggs. Broilers were the main contributor accounting for 28.4 percent of cash receipts in the State. West Virginia ranked 20th in the nation for cash receipts from broilers. Other highly ranked West Virginia commodities include farm chicken receipts at 13th in the nation, turkey receipts at 16th in the nation, trout receipts at 12th in the nation, apple receipts at 16th in the nation, and peach receipts at 15th in the nation.

West Virginia Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings: 2010 - 2014 ^{1/}

Commodity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
(000) Dollars					
Livestock and products	437,562	468,647	536,162	610,411	682,666
Meat animals	117,218	138,613	173,514	204,873	254,687
Cattle and calves	116,566	137,715	172,570	203,850	254,043
Hogs	652	898	944	1,023	644
Dairy products, Milk	26,195	32,240	28,880	30,450	33,672
Poultry and eggs	260,348	260,673	294,452	335,391	354,883
Broilers	166,772	156,794	188,000	233,816	236,773
Chicken eggs	38,911	39,398	40,760	46,209	55,886
Farm chickens	2,027	1,464	1,451	1,767	2,072
Turkeys	52,638	63,017	64,241	53,599	60,152
Miscellaneous livestock and products ^{2/}	33,801	37,121	39,316	39,697	39,424
Trout	863	880	1,022	1,255	1,233
Honey	478	545	838	1,010	751
Wool	60	103	108	90	98
Crops	107,807	121,180	152,623	149,292	150,101
Food grains (Wheat)	1,239	1,753	2,145	2,040	2,602
Feed crops	36,439	46,012	55,977	62,711	64,192
Corn	12,767	15,080	22,998	24,475	21,552
Hay	23,672	30,932	32,978	38,236	42,640
Oil crops (Soybeans)	7,043	6,692	12,130	14,159	13,082
Fruits and nuts ^{3/}	13,422	16,057	29,953	17,922	17,803
Apples	8,797	11,371	23,193	13,008	12,448
Peaches	4,625	4,686	6,760	4,914	5,355
All other crops ^{4/}	49,665	50,666	52,419	52,460	52,422
Mushrooms	15	16	179	180	182
All commodities	545,369	589,828	688,785	759,702	832,767

^{1/}Cash receipts reflect sales of commodities from farms where produced within a calendar year irrespective of the year of production. Data as of November 24, 2015. ^{2/} Includes equine, sheep, all other livestock, and mohair. ^{3/} Includes miscellaneous fruits and berries. ^{4/} Includes greenhouse/nursery, Christmas trees, oats, vegetables, tobacco, and other crops. Source: USDA, Economic Research Service <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/farm-income-and-wealth-statistics.aspx>.

Cash Receipts: Selected Commodities, West Virginia, 2014**NEXT ISSUE**

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